

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, June 21, 2005 9:00 a.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative LaJoy, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland. (15/17)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Moore, Hood III. (2/17)

Representative Meyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2005, supported by Representative Byrnes. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 4315, HB 4316 and HB 4317 before the Committee.

HB 4315	Hoogendyk	Counties; boards and commissions; county road commission; provide option to expand membership or eliminate.
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HB 4316	Gaffney	Counties; charter; county road commission; provide option to expand membership or eliminate.
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HB 4317	Lipsev	Counties; other; county road commission; provide option to expand membership or eliminate.
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Representative Hoogendyk spoke to the Committee regarding the bills and amendatory language.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, spoke in support of HB 4315 as introduced.

Ed Noyola, representing the County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM), spoke in support of the bills (with amendments).

The Chair laid HB 4963 before the Committee.

HB 4963	David Law	Vehicles; fund-raising registration plates; sunset on university fund-raising plates; remove.
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Representative David Law spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4963.

James Fackler, representing the Secretary of State, spoke in support of the bill and answered questions for Committee members.

Cards indicating support for HB 4963 were submitted by:

Bill Lukens, representing the American Red Cross, in support
Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support

Subsequent to discussion, Representative Gosselin made a motion to report HB 4963 with recommendation, supported by Representative Meyer.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland. (15/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chair LaJoy stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 9:28 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

The Committee returned to work on HB 4315, HB 4316 and HB 4317.

Representative Hoogendyk and Ed Noyola spoke to the Committee regarding amendments to HB 4315 and HB 4316.

Representative Wenke made a motion to adopt HB 4315 (H-1), supported by Representative Murphy.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland. (14/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (14/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Nitz made a motion to amend HB 4315 (H-1), supported by Representative Byrnes, as follows:

1. Amend page 4, line 12, by striking out all of subsection (6) and inserting:

“(6) THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY INCREASE OR DECREASE THE NUMBER OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS AS ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION APPROVES THE INCREASE OR DECREASE BY RESOLUTION.”.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland. (15/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Gosselin made a motion to report HB 4315 (H-2) with recommendation, supported by Representative Byrnes.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland. (13/17)

Nays: Representatives Meyer, Casperson. (2/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (13/2/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Gosselin made a motion to adopt HB 4316 (H-1), supported by Representative Byrnes.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland. (13/17)

Nays: Representatives Meyer, Casperson. (2/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (13/2/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Wenke made a motion to amend HB 4316 (H-1), supported by Representative Byrnes, as follows:

1. Amend page 8, line 16, by striking out all of subsection (4) and inserting:

“(4) THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY INCREASE OR DECREASE THE NUMBER OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS AS ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION APPROVES THE INCREASE OR DECREASE BY RESOLUTION.”.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland. (15/17)
Nays: None. (0/17)
Pass: None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Gosselin made a motion to report HB 4316 (H-2) with recommendation, supported by Representative Byrnes.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland. (13/17)
Nays: Representatives Meyer, Casperson. (2/17)
Pass: None. (0/17) (13/2/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Gosselin made a motion to report HB 4317 with recommendation, supported by Representative Byrnes.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Meyer, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Murphy, Kathleen Law, Gleason, Leland. (15/10)
Nays: None. (0/17)
Pass: None. (0/17) (15/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid HB 4892 before the Committee.

HB 4892	Casperson	Natural resources; wetlands; procedure for county road commission to opt out of the wetland mitigation process; provide for.
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Skip Pruss and Peg Bostwick, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), spoke in opposition to HB 4892 and answered questions from members.

Cards for HB 4892 were submitted by:

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), in support of the concept

Ed Noyola, representing CRAM, in support

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in opposition

Mike Nystrom, representing the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA), in support

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), in support

Joe Fivas, representing the Michigan Municipal League, in support

Bill Zaagman, representing the Macomb County Road Commission, in support

Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support of the concept

Chair LaJoy stated that additional work on HB 4892 would take place at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

Representative Gosselin made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Kathleen Law. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair LaJoy declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:39 a.m.

Representative Philip LaJoy, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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